

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2006/093741 A (SCIENTIFIC ATLANTA [US]; OSTROWSKA BARBARA [US]; RUSS SAMUEL H [US]) 8 September 2006 (2006-09-08) page 5, lines 12-14 page 8, lines 11-18 page 9, line 19 – page 10, line 17 figures 5,6	4,6-22
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1-3, 5 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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These claims refer to a viewing log, more precisely to the arrangement of data in a viewing log.

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(54) Title: VIEWER DATA COLLECTION IN A MULTI-ROOM NETWORK

TV VIEWING LOG					
USER	DEVICE	STATUS	LAST DATE USED	DAILY TV TIME	
			WED 1/18	5 hr 16 min	
Judy	Family Room	ON	Wed 1/18	5 hr 16 min	
Sarah	Bedroom	OFF	Wed 1/18	1 hr 6 min	
Tom	Basement	ON	Wed 1/18	0 hr 30 min	
Josh	Kid's Room	OFF	Mon 1/16	0 hr 0 min	
Wed 1/18		A	B	C	CUSTOMIZE

(57) Abstract: Viewer data collection in a multi-room system. A TV viewing log is created for each user or each device in a multi-room system. The log can be used to limit or monitor the amount of television watched in the household. The log allows more accurate viewer data to be collected, compressed, and then sent to the headend at off-peak hours.

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